

Amendments to the Specification

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

-- In Figure 2, system 30 depicts the general architecture for managing access to a digital television (DTV) 40a, 40b. For simplicity the following description will be limited to a single DTV 40a. Similar element numbers define the same functional element. Smart Card (SC) 42a is inserted into or coupled to a smart card reader (not shown) of DTV 40a; a bus [[45]] interconnects DTV 40a and SC 42a thereby permitting the transfer of data therebetween. Such smart cards include, for example, ISO 7816 cards complying with National Renewable Security Standard (NRSS) Part A or PCMCIA cards complying with NRSS Part B. This inventive concept is not limited to smart cards per se, but can be employed with conditional access modules. Conceptually, when such a smart card is coupled to a smart card reader, the functionality of the smart card may be considered to be a part of the functionality of the digital television thus removing the "boundaries" created by the physical card body of the smart card.--

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

-- DTV 40a can receive services from a plurality of service providers (SPs), such as a broadcast television SPs 50 and 52, a cable television (not shown), and a satellite system (not shown). This invention finds benefit in terrestrial broadcasting. Certificate authority [[[CA]]] 75 is not directly connected to either the service providers or DTV 40a but issues digital certificates and public and private key pairs, which are used as, explained below. It is within the scope of this invention that the role of certificate authority 75 may be performed by the service providers in collaboration with the manufacturer of the DTV 40a. Billing center 70 is utilized to manage the user's accounts; updated information is provided as users make arrangements to purchase additional services and as these services are consumed or used.--